

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 55-58 are currently pending. Claims 59-62 have been canceled without prejudice by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 55-58 were allowed. Accordingly, prosecution on the merits was closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex Parte Quayle* and the Examiner indicated that withdrawn Claims 59-62 should be canceled.

As Claims 59-62 have been canceled by the present amendment, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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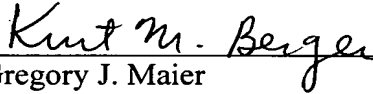
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